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(o) *Agents and employees.*—To employ consulting engineers, bond counsel, attorneys, accountants, construction and financial experts, superintendents, managers, clerks, stenographers, laborers, and such other agents and employees as necessary. The employment, compensation and tenure of all full-time employees [as necessary], except the executive director, *general counsel*, and other key personnel, [as the Authority determines, with the approval of the Governor,] who require engineering, scientific or expert training and qualifications, [are subject generally to the provisions and restrictions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title “Merit System,” and the full-time employees, together with the executive director and other key personnel, are subject also to the rights and benefits of Article 73B of said Code, title “Pensions”;] *shall be subject to the rules, regulations, and compensation schedule, as established by a “Friendship International Airport Authority Employment Commission” which Commission shall consist of the State Commissioner of Personnel or his successor, the Chairman of the Baltimore City Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Friendship International Airport Authority. THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION AS THEY RELATE TO EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, AND DISCHARGE SHALL BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THOSE APPLICABLE TO THE CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE OF THE CITY. [but the power to set the salaries and compensation of all employees not covered by the provisions of said Article 64A is vested solely in the Authority and in no way is subject to the control or jurisdiction of the Standard Salary Board or of any other officer or agency.] Employees of the Authority shall not be members of either the State or City Merit systems. The Authority shall have the power to set the salaries, compensation, and terms of employment of the executive director, general counsel, and other key personnel requiring engineering, scientific, or expert qualifications. All full-time employees who are hired after the creation of the Authority, together with the executive director, general counsel, and other key personnel, shall be subject to the provisions of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and shall participate in the Employees Retirement System of the State of Maryland, upon terms and conditions mutually acceptable to the Authority and the System. All persons employed by the City at Friendship International Airport at the time of the transfer of the operations of the airport to the Authority and who are members of the City’s pension system shall have the option of*